



**BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE**  
**County of Passaic**  
**State of New Jersey**

RESO. NO. 59-25



RESOLUTION NO. 59-25

Resolution, Introduced by Council Person Mde Date: March 19, 2025

**Resolution Re-Pledging Support of Sustainable Land Use Practices - 2025**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hawthorne is committed to the continued improvement of our land use practices and planning policies as an essential component of overall sustainability, promoting our social, environmental, and economic well-being; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is committed to preserve and protect the residential character, the existing density of the community, and to reinforce the Borough's established commercial and industrial areas; and

WHEREAS, well planned land use can create transportation choices, provide for a range of housing options, create walkable communities, preserve open space, provide for adequate recreation, and allow for the continued protection and use of vital natural resources; and

WHEREAS, this resolution reflects the Borough of Hawthorne's re-commitment to many practices and policies that promote a more sustainable community through education, community feedback, environmental stewardship, reduced consumption, healthy lifestyles; and

NOW THEREFORE, We the Borough of Hawthorne have taken the following steps with regard to our municipal land-use decisions with the intent of making the Borough of Hawthorne a truly sustainable community. These principles were included in the 2022 Master Plan Reexamination in our land-use zoning, natural resource protection, and other ordinances accordingly.

**Regional Cooperation** - We pledge to reach out to administrations of our neighboring municipalities concerning land-use decisions, and to take into consideration regional impacts when making land-use decisions.

**Transportation Choices** - We pledge to create transportation choices with a Complete Streets approach by considering all modes of transportation, including walking, biking, transit and automobiles, when planning transportation projects and reviewing development applications. We will reevaluate our parking with the goal of limiting the amount of required parking spaces, promoting shared parking and other innovative parking alternatives, and encouraging structured parking alternatives where appropriate.

Name	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Bennett			X			
DiIosa		X	X			
Matthews			X			
Tele	X		X			
DiIossa			X			
DiIarra			X			
Nojtecki			X			

  
 Frank E. Matthews, Council President

  
 Lori Fernandez, RMC, CMC, Borough Clerk

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**Natural Resource Protection** - We pledge to take action to protect the natural resources of the State for environmental, recreational, and agricultural value, avoiding or mitigating negative impacts to these resources. Further, we pledge to complete an Environmental Resource Inventory when feasible to identify and assess the extent of our natural resources and to link natural resource management and protection to carrying capacity analysis, land-use and open space planning.

**Mix of Land Uses** - We pledge to use our zoning power to allow for a mix of residential, retail, commercial, recreational and other land use types in areas that make the most sense for our municipality and the region, particularly in downtown and town center areas.

**Housing Options** - We pledge, through the use of our zoning and revenue generating powers, to foster a diverse mix of housing types and locations, including single- and multi-family, for-sale and rental options, to meet the needs of all people at a range of income levels.

**Green Design** - We pledge to incorporate the principles of green design and renewable energy generation into municipal buildings to the extent feasible and when updating our site plan and subdivision requirements for residential and commercial buildings.

**Municipal Facilities Siting** - We pledge, to the extent feasible, to take into consideration factors such as walkability, bikability, greater access to public transit, proximity to other land-use types, and open space when locating new or relocated municipal facilities.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Lori Fernandez, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Hawthorne, County of Passaic State of New Jersey, do hereby certify this copy of R 59-25 to be a true copy as adopted by the Municipal Council on 3/19/25

*Lori Fernandez*  
Lori Fernandez, RMC, CMC, Borough Clerk

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